

**Docklands Data
Campus –
Community Liaison
Group**

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The Community Liaison Group meets regularly during periods when there is construction activity on site, providing a forum for local residents and businesses to receive construction updates, ask questions, and discuss aspects of the construction work.



Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Work undertaken so far
3. Groundbreaking
4. Current site status
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6. Social value updates
7. Q&A
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Introductions

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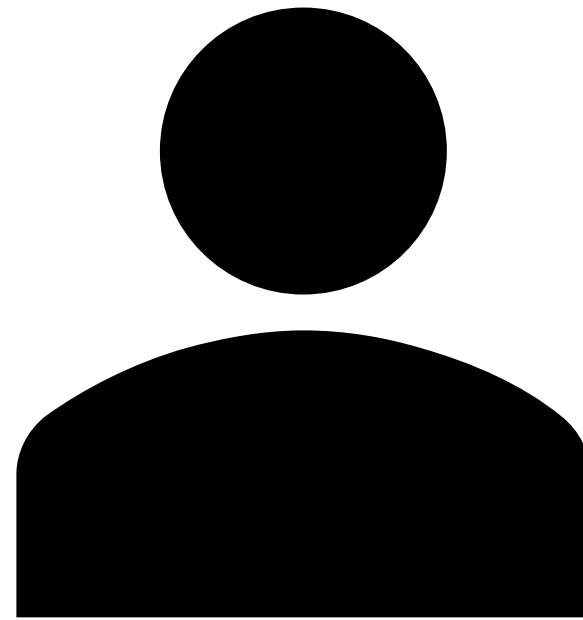


Meet the team



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**Work undertaken
so far**



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Work undertaken so far

We are now in week 19 of a 135 week programme for Phase 1 (LCY11)

Works completed since July 2025 include:

- Piling to LCY11
- Remediation/Obstruction removal – site wide (Allnex/Peruvian Wharf)
- Sub-structure to LCY11

Superstructure to LCY11 (Steelwork commenced 04.05.26)



Timeline



Start of site clearing works to prepare for main construction



Construction starts on first of three data centre buildings



Construction starts on Multi-Functional Building



Data Centre Campus ready for occupation



Groundbreaking



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Groundbreaking

Local political leaders and representatives of the Newham business community joined Ada Infrastructure and McLaren construction to break ground on the first of three data halls, providing important long-term investment in East London's digital infrastructure economy.



Groundbreaking



“ We’re very proud to be here in the Royal Docks, an iconic part of an iconic city. We want to be a good neighbour; we’re going to be a good neighbour.”

James Moloney
Head of Ada Infrastructure
EMEA



“ We mean to be in this community for a long period of time, continuing to grow. And that’s also a statement of how we feel about investing in London and investing in the United Kingdom.”

Michael Steele
Head of Digital Infrastructure
Ares Management



“ The Royal Docks in 1855 was the gateway to infrastructure and trade. Today the AI future that we see ahead of us means that buildings like this are going to become the trade and infrastructure of the future.”

Paul Heather
CEO, McLaren Construction



“ Data and the digital economy is incredibly important for the future of the economy. We have been arguing for some time that London is moving east, and this project proves that this is true.”

James Asser MP
Member of Parliament for West
Ham and Beckton



Current site status



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Current site status



Upcoming works



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Upcoming works

- Installation of 4 No Tower cranes to LCY11 – May/June 2026
- Piling to LCY13 (Peruvian Wharf) – May/June 2026
- Completion of site wide civils (05.10.26)
- Utility diversions to Wharf Access Road
- Cladding (Building envelope) to start 05.10.26



Social value updates



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Community engagement

E6 Sisters Community Pantry delivers a wide range of services that support and uplift the local community. Their work promotes a strong sense of belonging, encourages healthy lifestyles, and empowers individuals and families across East Ham, Newham. Pantry locations include Central Park Primary School and St Paul's Church.

In April, McLaren's Social Value lead visited the E6 Sisters Community Pantry in East Ham, hosted within a church at the heart of the community. The visit highlighted several opportunities for meaningful collaboration and support.

- **Creating Opportunities:** We are progressing an eight-month Student Director internship, with Shedie's CV currently under review by the MCL HR team. This reflects our commitment to enabling local talent to access career pathways.
- **Supporting Digital Access:** We are able to donate up to three laptops to support the Skills Hub, helping to improve access to digital resources and learning opportunities.
- **Building Capacity:** We are exploring opportunities to provide support in website development, marketing, and bid writing, including potential mentorship and short online workshops delivered by our teams.

This ongoing partnership demonstrates our commitment to delivering social value and supporting community-led initiatives that make a tangible difference in East Ham.



Community engagement

Mclaren Construction Marks World Earth Day with Community Litter Pick

Mclaren colleagues came together to support World Earth Day by taking part in a community litter pick at Royal Victoria Gardens as part of Project Olympus.

On Wednesday 22 April, teams from Mclaren, alongside members of the client team and supply chain partners, stepped away from their day-to-day roles to make a positive environmental impact. Equipped with litter pickers and debris bags, volunteers worked collaboratively to help improve the local area of the riverside and contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment.

The initiative saw strong cross-team participation, with a shared goal of bringing together representatives from across the project. The effort not only supported the local community but also strengthened relationships across teams, reinforcing a collective commitment to sustainability and social value. The group collected 15 bags of rubbish some items included were parts of garden furniture and other debris

By taking practical action on World Earth Day, the Project Olympus team demonstrated how small, coordinated efforts can make a meaningful difference at a local level.



Community engagement

Supporting Pathways into Employment Through Skills Centre Programme

Build East, Stratford Pre-employment programme is now underway, bringing together partners to support individuals into sustainable employment within the construction sector.

The two-week CSCS programme has welcomed its latest cohort of prison leavers this week. The initiative is designed to provide both practical skills and tailored support to help participants transition into the workforce. The programme combines hands-on learning with employability support:

Week 1: Participants work towards their CSCS card while gaining introductory trade-based practical experience.

Week 2: Focus shifts to CV development and interviews with industry professionals, coordinated with Falcon Green.

The programme is being delivered across key London boroughs including Hackney, Waltham Forest, Newham, and Tower Hamlets, with wider collaboration supporting a London-wide approach.

This initiative reflects a strong partnership model and a shared commitment to improving employment outcomes while delivering meaningful social value.



Future community engagement 2026-2028

Newham Food Alliance Food bank

- Community meal services
- Food clubs
- emergency food parcels
- wider support services

Local Employment & Newham Workforce

- Increase local employment opportunities
- Create sustainable career pathways into construction and associated sectors
- Support residents impacted by unemployment and economic inequality

Apprenticeship Pathway 18–24 College + supply chain

- Young people aged 18–24
- NEET individuals
- Site based experience

Women into Construction

- Increase female representation in site-based roles.
- Partner with Women into Construction
- Host employability workshops
- Mentoring support



Q&A



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Next steps

- Further updates to be shared in due course
- Next CLG TBC
- Contact us:



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Thank you

